(c) whether orders have been implemented; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Scope of Indian exports to Germany

1079. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great scope for Indian exports to Germany as a result of the introduction of market economy by that country;

(b) whether a shift in German economic policy has given a greater boost to the Indian exports; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) to (c) Indian exports to former GDR were small in quantum and restricted in variety. Market economy would progressively increase prospects, in varying degrees of increased exports among others in items such as garments, fabrics, tea, coffee, spices, carpets, gem and jewellery, engineering goods, forgings and castings.

Proposal to exempt the Bank loans of farmers affected by Hailstorm

1080. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to exempt the bank loans of those farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorm in the month of February, 1991;

(b) whether Government also propose to provide the above affected farmers fresh loans on low rate of interest; and

(c) if so, what are the details of such proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There are standing instructions from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to banks for extending relief to the farmers whose crops are damaged due to natural calamities by way of conversion of short term loans into medium term loans provided the crop loss is more than 50 per cent of the normal yield. The farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorm in the month of February, 1991 would be eligible for this facility.

(b) and (c) The farmers whose crop loans are converted into medium term loans can be provided with fresh crop loans at the normal rate of interest to start next crop operations.

Valuables seized during raids by Income Tax Officers

1081. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount Cash, Jewellery, Gold, Moveable and Immoveable property, separately seized in the Capital by the Income Tax officials during raids from 1st January, 1990 to 15th February, 1991;

(b) what are the details of the such raids conducted; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against each defaulter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) During the period from 1st January, 1990 to 15th February, 1991, the Income-tax Department conducted 821 searches in Delhi. In the course of these searches besides incriminating books and documents, *prima facie* unaccounted assets of the value of Rs. 25.21 crores, including cash of Rs. 4.50 crores, jewellery worth Rs. 6.36 croes and other assets valued at Rs. 14.35 crores were seized.

(c) Scrutiny of books of accounts and documents seized and follow-up action as called for under the Income-tax Act have been taken up in each case.

Setting up Food Processing units in Orissa

1082. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa is lagging far behind several States in Food Processing Industries;

(b) whether there is a great scope to set up Food Processing units particularly Fruits and Vegetable processing industries in the State;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to set up such units in Orissa State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) It is true that the food processing industry in Orissa, as in several other States, is underdeveloped. The Ministry if Food Processing Industries do not directly set up food processing units. It can, however, assist a State Government in setting up such industries either through a State public sector undertaking or in the Joint/assisted sector. The State Government have been advised to explore possibilities of setting up such units and to submit proposals for assistance from the Ministry.

Loss in production of jute goods due to strike in West Bengal

1083. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total loss of production of jute goods and other goods in West Bengal due to strike on the 6th February, 1991;

(b) whether the workers will get their pay for that day; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) It is estimated that 4100 tonnes of jute goods valued at Rs. 5.5 crores were lost by the jute industry on account of stoppage of work for a day.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, workers in the jute industry generally work on 'no work no pay' basis.

Setting up of Silk Work Seed Technology Laboratory in Andhra Pradesh

1084. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the World Bank assistance plan for National Sericulture Project, the Central Silk Board has proposed to establish a Silkworm Seed Technology Laboratory at Maranapalle in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Silk Board had identified 30.00 acres of land in Mandanapalle town of Chittoor District for the purpose;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recently the Central Silk Board have desired to shift the laboratory to Karnataka; and